

Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee
of the Darien RTM

Draft Meeting Minutes

Date: March 3, 2009

Place: Darien Town Hall Employee Lounge

Present: Adelman, Bayne, Bishko, Fead, Magida, Marston, Olvany, Sini, van der Kieft
Young

Absent: Bacon, Cleary, Conologue, Hennessy, Jones, Miller

Attending: Mary Ness (District 1)

This was Regular Meeting of the Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:10 PM. The meeting agenda was reviewed by the Chairperson and then accepted by the Committee.

The Committee resumed its review and discussion of the Affordable Housing Plan draft prepared by the Board of Selectman dated January 29, 2009.

- The discussion was continued surrounding the Plan's individual strategies as outlined in Chapter 4.
- It was followed by other comments and suggestions by committee members for additional points that should be considered for inclusion in the Plan.
- Members agreed that the Affordable Housing Plan should be viewed as an evolving policy statement presented by the Board of Selectman and therefore, is a "working document" that will be continuously reviewed and measured.

The Committee decided that its feedback to the Board of Selectman for the Affordable Housing Plan draft would be in the form of "initial comments."

- A few members raised concerns about the limited amount of time remaining to assemble the Committee's initial comments before its meeting with the Board of Selectman tentatively scheduled on March 11, 2009. However, after discussion, the Committee reaffirmed its commitment to provide preliminary feedback to the BOS on March 11th.
- John van der Kieft volunteered to outline the Committee's initial comments in bullet point form and will send the document to Steve Olvany, Affordable Housing Sub-Committee Chair. Mr. Olvany will then work with other Sub-Committee members to make any necessary additions/revisions to the initial comments.
- A draft of the initial comments will be reviewed by the PZ&H Committee at a Special Meeting.

The Committee agreed to schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 7:30pm to discuss and review the initial comments.

After extensive discussion, the Committee agreed that it will make comments at the RTM meeting scheduled for March 16, 2009 (when the Board of Selectman is expected to present its Affordable Housing Plan draft to the RTM). The comments will outline the Committee's extensive efforts in reviewing the Affordable Housing Plan draft and also provide some insight regarding its initial comments made to the Board of Selectman.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by John Sini, Jr. – PZ&H Committee Clerk